

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR EHB 1973

Citations Affected: IC 15-4; noncode.

Synopsis: Corn marketing council. Amends the definitions of first purchaser and market development and adds a definition for grain. Requires a term of office for elected and appointed members of the corn marketing council. Provides procedures for filling vacancies of elected and appointed members of the corn marketing council. Changes the composition of the council member districts. Provides that the dean of the Purdue University school of agriculture, two representatives of first purchaser organizations, one member of the senate, and one member of the house of representatives are members of the council. Requires a producer who seeks to be placed on the ballot to have a petition signed by ten other producers. Provides that the council, beginning July 1, 2004, may not spend more than 10% of the money it receives on administrative expenses. Provides that the council, prior to July 1, 2004, may not spend more than \$500,000 on administrative expenses. Permits a one-half cent assessment per bushel on all corn sold in Indiana. Removes the assessment on seed corn sold in Indiana. Repeals a provision that: (1) concerns a refund of assessments; and (2) allows a referendum to establish or terminate the Indiana corn marketing council. (This conference committee report: (1) provides that the initial enrollment period for a producer who wishes to participate in the corn marketing program ends November 30, 2001; (2) provides that the assessment will be collected beginning on September 15, 2001, for a producer who enrolls before September 15, 2001; (3) provides that the assessment collection begins December 1, 2001, for a producer who enrolls after September 14, 2001, and before December 1, 2001; (4) provides that a 10% cap on administrative expenses begins July 1, 2004; (5) provides a cap of \$500,000 on administrative expenses before July 1, 2004; (6) provides that the office of the commissioner of agriculture shall perform the audit required under IC 15-4-10-22; and (7) makes the legislative members of the council nonvoting members.)

Effective: May 15, 2001; July 1, 2001.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1973 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 4, line 28, after "(1)" insert **"nonvoting"**.
- 2 Page 4, line 30, after "(1)" insert **"nonvoting"**.
- 3 Page 4, line 34, delete "section" and insert **"subsection"**.
- 4 Page 5, line 33, strike "independent".
- 5 Page 5, line 33, after "audit" insert **", conducted by the office of the**
- 6 **commissioner of agriculture,"**.
- 7 Page 6, line 24, delete "The" and insert **"Beginning July 1, 2004,**
- 8 **the"**.
- 9 Page 6, line 26, after "expenses." insert **"However, the council may**
- 10 **not expend more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for**
- 11 **administrative expenses before July 1, 2004."**
- 12 Page 6, line 38, delete "settlement with" and insert **"delivery of grain**
- 13 **to"**.
- 14 Page 7, line 9, before "The" begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 15 **"(c)"**.
- 16 Page 7, line 11, delete "August 31" and insert **"November 30"**.
- 17 Page 7, line 12, after "purchaser" insert **"from a producer who**
- 18 **enrolls before September 15, 2001,"**.
- 19 Page 7, line 13, delete "A" and insert **"Corn market development**
- 20 **assessments collected by a first purchaser from a producer who**
- 21 **enrolls after September 14, 2001, and before December 1, 2001,**
- 22 **begin on December 1, 2001. After the initial enrollment period, a"**.

- 1 Page 7, line 17, delete "subsection" and insert "section".
- 2 Page 7, line 17, after "and" insert "**shall**".
- 3 Page 7, line 21, delete "subsection" and insert "section".
- 4 Page 7, line 30, strike "(c)".
- 5 Page 7, line 30, after "The" insert "**(d)**".
- 6 Page 7, line 41, strike "(d)" and insert "**(e)**".
(Reference is to EHB 1973 as reprinted April 12, 2001.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed House Bill 1973

Signed by:

Representative Grubb
Chairperson

Senator Hershman

Representative Friend

Senator Lewis

House Conferees

Senate Conferees